

Dear Early Childhood Stakeholder,

In 2013, the Office of Great Start engaged stakeholders across the state in development of [*Great Start, Great Investment, Great Future: The Plan for Early Learning and Development in Michigan*](#). This comprehensive plan contains six recommendations and numerous priority action items for advancing early learning and development. The Office of Great Start is convening 10 outreach forums around the state in June to obtain input from early childhood stakeholders as it implements the recommendations and action items.

Your input is critical to this effort. **Please register to attend one of the regional forums** by clicking <http://bit.ly/ogsforum>, where you will find all of the meeting dates and locations. We recognize that not everyone who is interested will be able to attend one of the regional outreach forums. To ensure that you are able to provide input into the implementation of the plan's recommendations, we will also be releasing an online survey on June 23 (<http://bit.ly/OGSsurvey>) to allow us to hear from additional stakeholders. You can use the registration link (<http://bit.ly/ogsforum>) to indicate that you would like to receive notification of the availability of the survey.

Many of the recommendations and action items in the OGS comprehensive plan call for parent, provider, and community engagement in the design and implementation of the state's early childhood system. These forums will support OGS's ongoing efforts to do just that. The primary purpose of the forums is to get input from a variety of community early childhood stakeholders, including program providers and parents, on the best way to share best practices, engage parents, support quality improvement, and promote local collaboration and flexibility.

A copy of the plan can be found for your reference and review at <http://1.usa.gov/1eY4j32>. Please share this invitation with parents, providers, and other key early childhood stakeholders in your community. We look forward to seeing and hearing from you in June!